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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 16, 2007

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 16, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-10 and 21-25, drawn to registration process of two network elements, with security improvements resulted from enforcing time limitations to complete the registration process and monitoring for masquerading intruders, classified in class 455, subclass 435.1.

Group II – Claims 37-44, drawn to the process of mutual authentication, classified in class 713, subclass 169.

Group III – Claims 11-20 and 26-32, drawn to secure communication systems, classified in class 380, subclass 255.

Group IV – Claims 33-36, drawn to establishment and exchange of credentials between communicating parties in a network for purpose of authentication, classified in class 726, subclass 5.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-10 and 21-25) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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